

REMARKS

Election of Species Requirement

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicants' undersigned attorney in the phone interview on December 11, 2008. During the phone interview, the Examiner decided that new claims 21-36 could be pursued in the present application, but that these claims would be subject to an election of species requirement. The two species identified by the Examiner are 1) extracellular matrix material comprising submucosa and obtained from a urinary bladder, and 2) extracellular matrix material comprising submucosa and obtained from stomach. Applicants wish to elect the species "extracellular matrix material comprising submucosa and obtained from a urinary bladder." The claims readable on the elected species are claims 21-31, 33-34, and 37-38.

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-20 were cancelled without prejudice in Applicants' August 8, 2008 response. Claims 21-36 were added in Applicants' August 8, 2008 response. Applicants' assume that these amendments have been entered based on the December 11, 2008 phone interview so claims 21-36 are identified in this response as "Previously presented." New claims 37-38 have been added.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request allowance of the claims, and passage of the application to issuance.

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